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SUBJECT: BDG COMMERCE OFFICIALS TO VISIT ROK; HOPE TO LINE UP

CEMENT SUPPLY

REF: (A) DACCA 4270; (B) SEOUL 6501 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFFS CALLED 9/28 ON JOINT SECRETARY/FOREIGN TRADE SYED SHAMIN AHSAN AND REVIEWED FOR HIM THE NOT VERY ENCOURAGING RESPONSE TO REFTEL A. AHSAN NONETHELESS APPRECIATED EFFORTS MADE BY VARIOUS US MISSIONS TO LOCATE CEMENT SUPPLIERS AND SAID BDG MIGHT HAVE TO RESORT TO PRIVATE EXPORT HOUSES OR BROKERS TO GET URGENTLY NEEDED CEMENT.

2. AHSAN SAID MINISTRY SEES MERIT IN FINDING SINGLE, RELIABLE LONG-TERM CEMENT SUPPLY SOURCE. INDICATED MINISTRY FOCUSSED ON SOUTH KOREA IN THIS REGARD. WHEN EMBOFFS ADVISED HIM OF ROKG VIEWS ON PROPOSED VISIT OF NURUL ISLAM TO SOUL (PARA 2 REF B), AHSAN SAID ROK CONGEN IN NEW DELHI HAD CONVEYED INVITATION FOR ISLAM TO VISIT SEOUL AT END OCTOBER. AHSAN ADDED THAT ISLAM WILL PROCEED THERE ON DATES ROKG SUGGESTED AND THAT UNNAMED REPRESENTATIVE OF STATE-OWNED TRADING CORPORATION OF BANGLADESH (TCB) WILL ACCOMPANY.

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3. WE DETECT FROM REF B SOME CONFUSION IN KOREAN MINDS AS TO ISLAM'S POSITION. AS SECRETARY FOR FOREIGN TRADE IN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND FOREIGN TRADE, ISLAM RANKS JUST BELOW MINISTER HIMSELF AND IS ON LEVEL OF SENIOR-MOST CIVIL SERVANTS.
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